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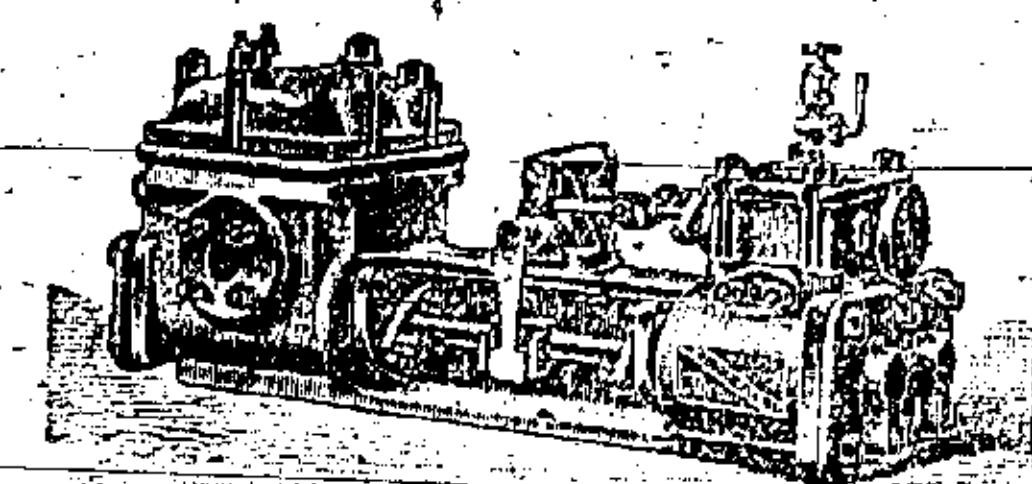
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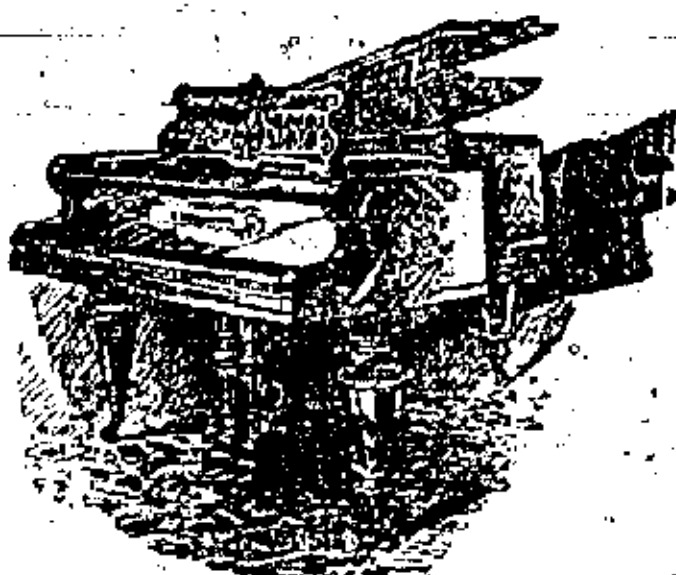
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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS OF TWENTY PER
CENT. upon CONTRIBUTIONS for the
year 1899, has been declared.
WARRANTS will be issued on the 1st
May.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 18, 1900. 915

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extra-
ordinary General Meeting of the Company
will be held at the Office of the Company,
35 and 40 Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 16th May, 1900, at Noon, when the
subjoined Resolution, which was passed at
an Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the 30th April, 1900,
will be submitted for Confirmation as a
Special Resolution, namely:

'That the NEW REGULATIONS, ap-
proved by this Meeting, and for the
purpose of identification, subscribed by
the Chairman thereof, be, and the same
are hereby approved, and that such
Regulations be, and they are hereby
adopted as the Regulations of the Com-
pany, to the exclusion of all the existing
Regulations thereof.'

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

A copy of the New Regulations can be
seen at the Company's office.

Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 1004

DOOLITTLE AND POLLOCK,

COMMISSION AGENTS,

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HONGKONG.

AGENTS FOR ARMOUR PACKING COMPANY.

Hongkong, May 7, 1900. 1053

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON

WHARF AND GODOWN CO.,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Parties
who were Holders of Shares on the
4th May, and who wish to apply for the
New Issue of Capital, must Register their
Holdings on or before the 21st May.
The TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 22nd to the 23rd inst.,
both days inclusive.

By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1900. 1054

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a

MEETING of the Board of Direc-

tors of the above Company, held at the

Registered Office of the Company, Queen's

Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on

Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March,

1900, the following resolutions were

passed:

1. That in pursuance of the provisions

of the Special Resolution passed at

an Extraordinary General Meeting

of the Company held on the 7th

instant, and confirmed on the 27th March

instant, and since duly registered, the

sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn

from the Reserve Fund and be

carried as of the 2nd July next,

to the Credit of Capital Account,

each share being credited with a

sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in

addition to the sum of \$50 now

standing to the credit of each share.

2. That the balance of \$25 per share

of the Capital of the Company be

called up, and that a Call

be and is hereby made of \$25 per

share upon all the shares of the

Company, and that the Share-

holders be requested to pay the

same to the Company's Bankers,

the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-

ing Corporation, at their premises,

Queen's Road Central, on or before

the 2nd day of July A. D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay

accordingly.

And Notice is also given that, in accord-

ance with Article 34 of the Company's

Articles of Association, interest will be

charged as from the said 2nd day of July

1900, at the rate of \$12 per centum per

annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid

after the 2nd day of July 1900, up to the

actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 702

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

(Established 1852).

THE HONGKONG TIMBER YARD,

has This Day been REMOVED from No.

65, Praya East, Middle Lot 109, to Island

Lot 1508, BOWRINGTON CANAL, near

Leighton Hill Road Bridge, and opposite

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L. MALLORY.

Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 1003

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ORDIN-

ARY GENERAL MEETING of the

Company, (since its Registration) will be

held in the Board Room, at the Hongkong

Dispensary, on MONDAY, the 14th inst.,

at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the General Man-

agers, together with a Statement of Account

to the 31st December, 1899.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be

CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th

instant, until SATURDAY, the 16th inst.,

both days inclusive, during which period

NO TRANSFER OF SHARES will be

registered.

By Order,
A. H. MANCILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 1000

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LODGE will be held in the Presi-

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NESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for

9.00 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren

are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, May 9, 1900. 1009

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THE FETE TO THE CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS OF H.M.S. TERRIBLE.

Inasmuch as the British Community will be the hosts at the Fete to be given to the Captain and Officers of H.M.S. *Terrible* on the Cricket Ground on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., no cards of invitation will be sent to any British Resident.

The Fete will commence at 9.30 and will close at 11.30, and there will be late Trams at 11.40 and 11.50.

LAWN TENNIS.

CRICKET CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The match between Mr. H. Pinckney and Major Griffin for the Championship will be played on Friday, 11th inst., at 4.30 p.m. The results of the final are as follows:—

Single Handicap—A. C. Chase, A. Humphreys (24) beat H. Pinckney (15.5).

Double Handicap—W. G. and C. Carr (24) beat H. Pinckney and W. Williams (15.5).

Professional Palm-Griffith and Longhorn beat A. and H. Humphreys.

The final for the Single Handicap, "B" Class, is between J. Hooper (scratch) and C. Pemberton (15.5).

Prizes will be presented after the Championship match.

THE SANITARY IMPROVEMENT OF THE COLONY.

The following letter was read at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-day:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
1st May, 1900.

Sir, I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 47, of the 27th ultimo, forwarding copy of a resolution, passed by the Sanitary Board at a meeting held on the 25th ultimo, in which the Government is asked to set aside annually a fixed percentage of the assessed taxes payable on land for the purpose of improving the sanitation of Hongkong in such a manner as the Sanitary Board may suggest.

In reply I am to state that His Excellency has decided to accede to the request of the Sanitary Board, and to set aside annually a fixed percentage of the assessed taxes payable on land for the purpose of improving the sanitation of Hongkong in such a manner as the Sanitary Board may suggest.

F. H. Mav,
Attending Colonial Secretary.

The following minutes were attached:—

Dr. W. Harrison: I think the Board has already given a list of works to be carried out at once.

Mr. J. H. Mav: I think the suggestion of the Sanitary Board is an excellent one. A thorough scheme of sanitary reform, including improvement of means of dealing with epidemics, should be prepared by the Board.

Death Rate of the Colony.

The death rate of the Colony for the week ended 21st April was 25.6 as compared with 23.8 in the corresponding period last year. The death rate for the week ended 28th April was 26.3 as compared with 24.3 in the corresponding week last year.

Plague at Wuchow.

Mr. P. F. Hauser, British Consul at Wuchow, reported to His Excellency the Governor under date 25th April that several cases of bubonic plague were reported as having occurred within the previous three or four days in the city of Wuchow and suburbs.

Marriage of the Crown Prince of Japan.

To-day, the marriage of the Crown Prince of Japan was celebrated. It will be interesting to philatelists to note that Imperial Wedding stamps have been issued. They are pink in colour and are now on sale at all the Japanese post-offices. The stamps are of three denominations. It is said that 2½ million have been issued.

Death on Board the 'Terrible'.

On the day previous to the departure of H.M.S. *Terrible* from Singapore, an able seaman named Gould died on board of enteric fever. He had been up at the front with the 47 guns and there contracted the disease. He had been ill for some several weeks, and had a relapse. This was the second death that occurred on the cruiser since leaving Colombo. The funeral took place the same evening.

The Nuisance at the Cricket Ground.

A letter from the Colonial Secretary to the Sanitary Board was read at the meeting of the Board to-day respecting the request by the Board for a reconsideration of the decision in the matter of the removal of the urinal at the west side of the Cricket Ground. The reply was to the effect that a urinal was an absolute necessity in the neighbourhood, but a solution of the difficulty was under consideration.

An Infectious House.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-day, a house at No. 1 Chuk Ming Lane was declared unfit for human habitation. A case of plague occurred in the house in 1899; another case in 1898; two in 1899; another during the last week in April. The Secretary was directed to suggest that the best course to pursue would be to demolish the house; if this was not done each floor should be secured in such a way that it could not be entered by vermin.

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TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS SERVICE.

THE WAR—MAPEKING.

News from Mafeking, 22nd April, states that the garrison can hold out as required, with ease.

News from Colonel Plumer's Camp, 26th April, states that the Boers at Mafeking are being gradually re-inforced and the force is now estimated at 3,000. Colonel Plumer has communicated with Mafeking by pigeon post.

Reuter's correspondent, at Mafeking, 28th April, says that, despite of daily decreasing rations and a slight outbreak of typhoid, the garrison is determined to resist for six weeks more.

NATAL.

General Buller's cavalry operating in the direction of Van Rensselaer's pass found the country clear of the enemy.

THE ADVANCE IN THE FREE STATE.

The Highland Brigade now occupies Winburg. General Buller has joined General Buller at Thabana's, and Colonel Hutton has reached Welgelegen Station.

It is reported that the Boers intend to make a big stand at the Zand-River.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 9.

THE COMING REBELLION.

The report in the *N. C. Daily News* of a rebellion that is about to break out in the Kwang Tung Province will scarcely surprise any one who has lived in Canton for any length of time. For years we have heard the cry "Wolf, wolf," and as it has proved false in every instance no one will blame us in getting hardened to the cry. Of course one really admits the possibility of a rebellion any day, for the country is in a chronic state of unrest. But whilst it is true there are tens of thousands who would gladly join in any uprising—the question always is, where is the leader?

The newspapers contain little besides news of robberies by land and pirates on the waterways. The soldiers on rare occasions have an innings, but as a rule the robbers have it all their own way. The simplicity of the Mandarins in carrying out the law is being made the subject of remarks in the Canton Dailies. If the Native powers would go on this tack, they might prove of real service. The other day a military official, hearing a great noise and beating of gongs in a neighbouring village, judging it to be the sign that the people were being attacked by robbers, sent two soldiers to render assistance!

At Wai Taw in Kwang Tung the robbers are said to be entirely in the hands of robbers, who are scouring the country and looting blackmail. Wai Taw is the district which sends a large supply of rice to Canton. The host people are afraid to move at present and consequently there is a falling off in the wood-supply and an advance in the prices.

THE CRUSADE AGAINST RATS.

The following is the text of a report submitted to the Sanitary Board by Mr. R. F. Drury, Sanitary Surveyor, respecting experiments in rat poisoning in sewers:—

Sir, Please refer to the Board for their information with a view to ascertain if they are desirous of these experiments being further continued. I am of opinion that no success can be expected for rats are generally not inhabiting those small drains. Sewers with their steep grades and rapid flow, particularly when they get ample food above ground. The overseer who has been on these sewers for some thirteen years has never seen a rat in them, and taking into account the fact that the cleaning discs are passed through the sewers about once a month it rather suggests a proof that they do not frequent them at all.

Mr. W. L. the Acting Government Analyst, and myself have experimented in the High Street 9-inch sewer, from Eastern Street to Centre Street, and from Centre Street to Potting Lane, 450 and 850 lineal feet respectively. (A neighbourhood which is reported to be greatly frequented by rats), and with no result.

The lengths tested were hermetically sealed. Wire nets were placed in the manholes next to the tested lengths to catch any rats that might have been killed and brought away by the flush after opening the tested portions.

Experiment I.—Material used—Potassium cyanide 12 lbs., sulphuric acid 7 lbs. The acid was diluted with four times its bulk of water. The hydrocyanic acid gas was generated in jars, each jar containing 2 lbs. of cyanide and 2½ pints of the diluted acid. Two jars were placed in each of three manholes.

One hour was allowed for the generation and spread of the gas, the sewer afterwards being flushed with water to ensure the spread of gas and to carry down dead rats. Test paper showed the presence of gas after being flushed with water. The percentage of poisonous gas in this test was about 12 per cent.

Experiment II.—Material used—Potassium Cyanide 20 lbs., sulphuric acid 14 lbs. The acid was diluted with gas generated as in Experiment I. In this case five manholes were used, three containing two generating jars with 2 lbs. of cyanide in each the remaining two contained one and three jars respectively, these jars holding 2 lbs. of cyanide and 2½ pints of the diluted acid. Two jars were placed in each of three manholes.

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RECEPTION OF H.M.S. 'TERRIBLE'.

REVIEW ON THE NEW PARADE GROUND.

Yesterday afternoon, a large concourse of spectators assembled on the new Parade Ground, adjacent to Murray Barracks, which was formally opened by a review by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government of the men of H.M.S. *Terrible*. The ground has been levelled and returfed and is enclosed by an ornamental iron railing. Seats were provided on the eastern side near the saluting base for ladies and prominent residents, and full advantage was taken of this accommodation. There was a large assemblage of naval and military officers and members of the Circular Club in full uniform. The bluejackets marched on to the ground headed by the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers playing nautical airs, and were received with immense enthusiasm by the large crowd. A cordon of men of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was stationed round the rails to keep the ground clear, and maintain order. The bluejackets looked very business-like in their fighting dress as they marched past and took up position in line to receive the inspecting officer. A guard of honour of the Hongkong Volunteers in command of Captain Ordish was stationed on the roadway outside the parade ground. Will, fitting punctuality, H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., arrived on the ground at 5.30 p.m., and was received with a general salute. His Excellency, accompanied by Commodore Powell, Captain Percy Scott, C.B., Colonel The O'Gorman, Major Morris, R.A., and Captain the Hon. H. W. Trevelyan, A.D.C., and other officers, made a minute inspection of the men and their accoutrements, and afterwards took up position at the saluting base. The men were formed in a hollow square to hear His Excellency's address.

His Excellency said:—Commodore Powell, Captain Scott, and all the ranks of Her Majesty's ship *Terrible*, your fellow-countrymen at Hongkong have desired to give you a thorough welcome on your arrival, and they ask me in the position of Acting Governor, during the absence on leave of Sir Henry Blake, the Governor, to say to you that they are very glad to see you and welcome you to Hongkong. I need not say I hold it a very high honour indeed that owing to the accidental circumstance of my being Acting Governor it should be with me to hold a review of you. It is my pleasure to detain you here, and I am sure that the men of the ship will be glad to have the honour, I should not be entitled to the honour of reviewing a body of men composed entirely of the sister service. But I hope you will allow me to say as General Officer Commanding, and therefore in the name of the Government, that I am very glad to see you and welcome you to Hongkong. I need not say I hold it a very high honour indeed that owing to the accidental circumstance of my being Acting Governor it should be with me to hold a review of you. It is my pleasure to detain you here, and I am sure that the men of the ship will be glad to have the honour, I should not be entitled to the honour of reviewing a body of men composed entirely of the sister service. But I hope you will allow me to say as General Officer Commanding, and therefore in the name of the Government, that I am very glad to see you and welcome you to Hongkong.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

REVIEW ON THE NEW PARADE GROUND.

Yesterday afternoon, a large concourse of spectators assembled on the new Parade Ground, adjacent to Murray Barracks, which was formally opened by a review by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government of the men of H.M.S. *Terrible*. The ground has been levelled and returfed and is enclosed by an ornamental iron railing. Seats were provided on the eastern side near the saluting base for ladies and prominent residents, and full advantage was taken of this accommodation. There was a large assemblage of naval and military officers and members of the Circular Club in full uniform. The bluejackets marched on to the ground headed by the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers playing nautical airs, and were received with immense enthusiasm by the large crowd. A cordon of men of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was stationed round the rails to keep the ground clear, and maintain order. The bluejackets looked very business-like in their fighting dress as they marched past and took up position in line to receive the inspecting officer. A guard of honour of the Hongkong Volunteers in command of Captain Ordish was stationed on the roadway outside the parade ground. Will, fitting punctuality, H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., arrived on the ground at 5.30 p.m., and was received with a general salute. His Excellency, accompanied by Commodore Powell, Captain Percy Scott, C.B., Colonel The O'Gorman, Major Morris, R.A., and Captain the Hon. H. W. Trevelyan, A.D.C., and other officers, made a minute inspection of the men and their accoutrements, and afterwards took up position at the saluting base. The men were formed in a hollow square to hear His Excellency's address.

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